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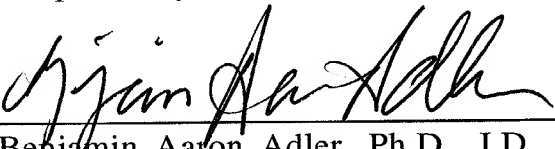
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 4, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application, Applicants submit herewith a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor and a Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants also enclose a copy of the Formalities Letter. Please debit the total \$120 (\$65 surcharge + \$55 petition fee) or any other fees that are due from Deposit Account No. 07-1185.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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